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TO AMEMBASSY FREETOWN PRIORITY

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TAGS: PINS, PINR, SL, US

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO KIDNAP MEMBERS OF EMBASSY  
OF SIERRA LEONE

1. DEPARTMENT ADVISED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM EMBASSY  
OF SIERRA LEONE OF ALLEGED PLOT BY PERSON(S) UNKNOWN  
TO KIDNAP EITHER AMB. PALMER, MR. OLU HARDING FIRST SECRE-  
TARY, OR MRS. HARDING, WHO DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT STEVENS.  
ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF ALLEGED PLOT SKETCHY, DEPT SUSPECTS  
IT MOTIVATED BY RESULTS OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED TRIAL IN  
FREETOWN. BOTH AMB. PALMER AND MR. HARDING PRESENTLY  
UNAVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RE THREAT.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF NOTE FROM EMBASSY, OFFICE OF PROTOCOL  
IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OFFICE OF SECURITY, WHO IN TURN  
ALERTED FBI. LATTER PLANNING TO QUERY EMBASSY OFFICERS  
IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO RE NATURE OF THREAT.  
OFFICE OF SECURITY ALSO ALERTED EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE  
SERVICE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE. BOTH AGENCIES HAVE  
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AGREED TO BEEF UP PATROLS IN AREA OF AMBASSADOR'S AND

FIRST SECRETARY'S RESIDENCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

3. DEPT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS THEY BECOME  
AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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